

## Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society

### Mentoring Program

The Mission Statement of LASC is shown below and captures the essence of its Mentoring Program

**The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society (LACSS) cultivates the study and enjoyment of cacti and succulents plants through educational programs and activities that promote the hobby within a community of fellow enthusiasts and among the greater public.**

The purpose of the Mentoring Program is to leverage the knowledge and expertise of the membership to educate and provide assistance to those members wishing to expand their skills. The program has several objectives:

- To provide specialized classes or workshops in all areas of cactus and succulent care and cultivation where there is general interest by the membership.
- To maintain a database of mentors and their skills who are willing to share their expertise by providing classes or workshops in their areas of competency.
- To align novice members with mentors in their area of expertise and provide one-on-one coaching.

The Mentoring Program started several years ago and on average conducts 4 classes or workshops per year, these have included:

- Cactus and Succulent Care
- Winter Growers
- Staging
- Gasteria and Haworthia

Programs are announced at the monthly meetings and are posted in the monthly newsletter "*Cactus Chronicle*"